

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A crosspoint switch architecture (10). The inventive architecture (10) includes a
5 monolithic substrate (11) on which a plurality (N) of electrical inputs are provided. In
addition, a plurality (M) of electrical outputs are provided on the substrate (11). A
switch is disposed on the substrate (11) for selectively interconnecting the inputs to the
outputs and a control circuit (16) is disposed on the substrate (11) for controlling the
switch. The switch comprises M, N to 1, multiplexers (14), each multiplexer (14) being
10 adapted to receive each of the N electrical inputs. In the illustrative embodiment, each
of the N inputs to each of the multiplexers is received through a respective one of N
switchable amplifiers (18). The output of each amplifier (18) is provided to a respective
one of N switchable isolation buffers (19). The outputs of the buffers (19) are summed
and buffered to provide the output of each multiplexer (14). The control circuit (16)
15 selects which input is to be passed through to the output of a given multiplexer (14). In
the illustrative embodiment, the control circuit (16) includes a serial in, parallel out shift
register and decode logic circuitry.